

## SHAARE ZEDEK

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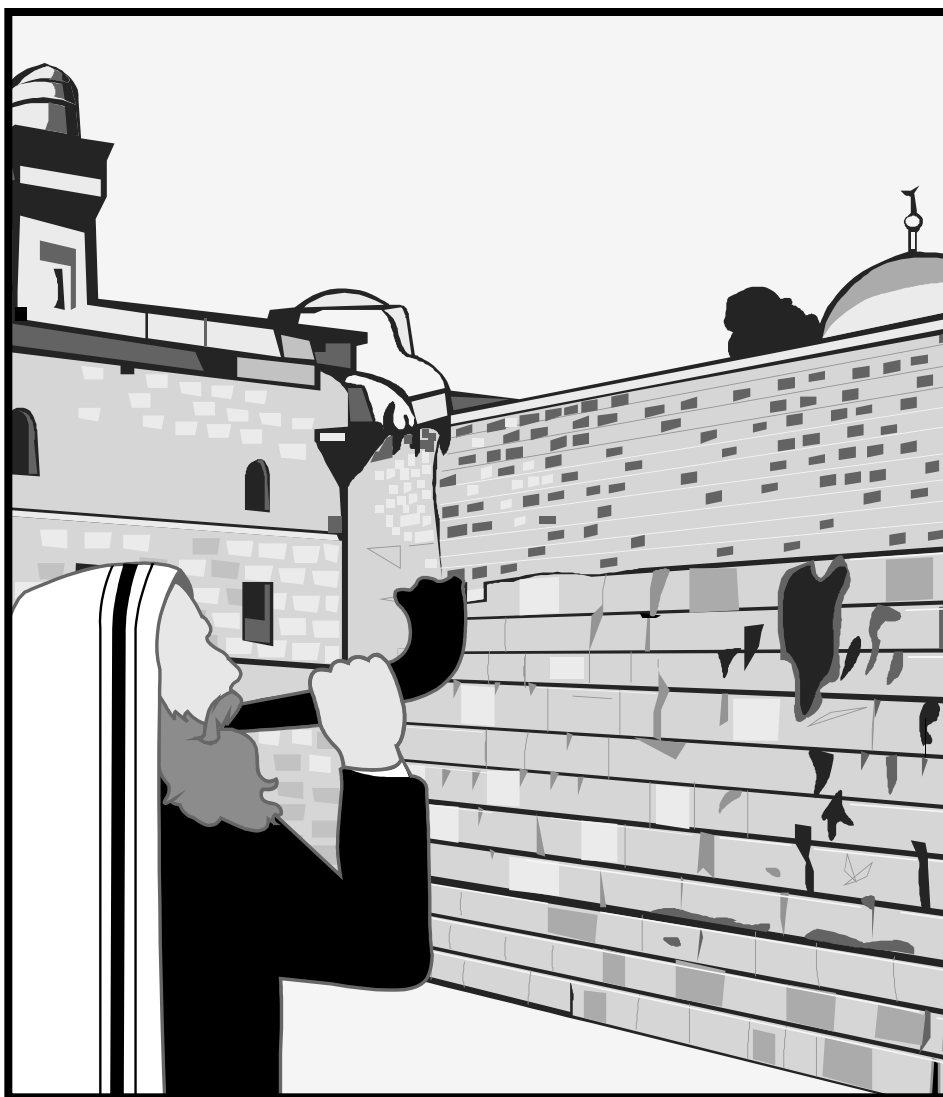
## News

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The Haftarah for **Shabbat Nachamu (The Sabbath of Comforting)**, is read on the Shabbat after Tisha B'Av, the Ninth of Av, the anniversary of the destruction of both the 1st and 2nd Beit HaMikdash (Holy Temples). This Haftarah is the first of the Shiva D'Nechemta, the seven weeks of consolation that begin following the fast of Tisha B'Av and run until Shabbat Shuvah, the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, The Jewish New Year. This time is usually given to focusing on repentance, and improving personal behavior.

The Haftarah is read from the book of Yishayahu (Isaiah).

**Erev Tisha B'Av** Monday, July 19

Fast begins at Sundown

7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/Eicha Reading

**Tisha B'Av** Tuesday, July 20

6:45am Shacharit

1:45pm Mincha Tallit/Tefillin

8:00pm Ma'ariv

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# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for June

Isaac Shapiro, Bob Olshan, Wendy Anderson

## Greeters for June

Debbie Levy, Bob & Joyce Olshan, Andrew Rehfeld, Steve Birenbaum

# Mazal Tov!

## Anniversaries in July

Mikhail & Anastasia Averbukh  
James Bashkin & Shelley Shray  
David & Nira Asher Geller  
Monroe & Cindy Ginsburg  
Allen & Nancye Gliner  
Stanley & Elaine Gollub  
Thomas & Lisa Klein  
Robert & Diane Kopitsky  
Robert & Sandra Rudman  
David & Marsha Soshnik  
David & Tara Tenzer

## New Plaques in the Guller Chapel

Julius Schwartz

## If you wish to read Haftorah for Shabbat or Festivals

contact our coordinator  
**Sydney Farber**  
kitty1106@aol.com

Please put 'Haftorah' in the subject line.

**In Answer-** The quote from the June cover "And You Shall Teach It To Your Children" is from the second paragraph of the Shemah (the paragraph containing rain).

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## Kiddushes for June

Yossi & Sara Kahn-Shapiro, Synagogue, Mark & Elaine Tenzer

## Minyan Breakfasts

Pam Reznick, Marion Cohen, Jerry Schwartz, Sheila Feldman, Steve Keyser, Maurice Guller, Micki Kingsley, Shirley Fredman, Yossi & Sara Shapiro, Adrian Underwood, Joe Iken, Ann Frank, Ron Fagerstrom, Stacy Gaal



OPEN M-F 10:00AM- 12:30PM  
Special Hebrew School Hours:  
M, W 5:30- 6:30 pm

Sunday hours by appointment.  
Arrangements may be made for special occasions (i.e., weddings, b'nai mitzvot, bris melah, etc.)

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# A Message from the Rabbi

## Rabbi Mark Fasman



My laptop is dead. Or so I was informed this evening. Great. This is in addition to my iPhone that has recently messed up my calendar and contacts, and that has somehow resisted more than twenty hours of time with tech support specialists, both online and by phone. My hands-free Bluetooth system that I had recently installed in my car does not want to work properly. Currently it doesn't work at all. At least my printer, which hasn't worked in over a week, now works...but only because I purchased new ink cartridges that cost me more than a new printer would cost!

Failures of technology can be aggravating, annoying, infuriating. Our inability to fix or reset these devices can make us feel incompetent and outdated. Remember when you had to find a child to set your VCR? That child is now in college and VCRs are extinct. So are floppy discs, landlines, Walkmans, and even DVDs. Wristwatches, typewriters, and film cameras are quaint vestiges of the old days. I purchased the first IBM desktop computer the

week it was released in the mid-1970s. When I left for rabbinical school in 1995,

I had to pay to get rid of that computer, useful only as a paperweight. Before that desktop computer, I had built a computer terminal and I had worked with punch cards. When I was a junior in college slide rules were still the only way to make quick scientific calculations. Two years later, the calculator was in general use and I couldn't remember how a slide rule worked.

Not so very long ago, we used to have access to only three network channels (plus public television). Our phones were rotary, not cell. We had to pay for long distance. Away from home, we had to find a payphone (remember those?). If we had a question, we had to use dictionaries or encyclopedias

or go to our local library. Now there are billions of questions asked each week—and answered—on Google.

And if we wanted to engage in serious Jewish learning, we needed to go to a yeshiva or a Jewish day school or find a teacher or take an adult education class at a local synagogue. For Jewish ritual, there was no real option other than the synagogue. For creation of Jewish community, again we had access to the synagogue or the JCC.

Now it is possible to learn a page of Talmud every day—downloaded onto our cellphones or computers—taught by Orthodox or Conservative rabbis. We can download weekly sermons delivered by the greatest Jewish orators of our day. We can create "virtual" communities, interacting with hundreds of like-minded Jews, none of whom we have ever met face-to-face. Same with virtual classrooms. Driving on Shabbat? Why does one even have to leave home in order to participate in a live worship service, streamed over the Internet?

**"We are survivors, not because we are rigid enough to resist change, but because we were flexible enough to embrace it."**

Baby boomers and their parents are wringing our hands over the fact

that our children and grandchildren are not joining synagogues. Rabbis and synagogue leadership are engaged in a process of contraction and intense competition for an ever-smaller pool of potential members for our synagogues. What is with all those empty seats on Kol Nidre or even Yizkor? Synagogues are closing, or merging. Federations have task forces to respond to the enormous challenges of Jewish identity and affiliation. It seems as though we are experiencing the end of the Jewish people, at least here in America.

As reported by Jonathan Sarna, a leading scholar of American Jewish history, every generation of American Jews has considered

themselves the last generation of American Jews. Their own Jewish institutions and modes of Jewish expression were rejected by Jewish youth. And yet, the truth is that the youth of each generation of American Jews has reinvented Judaism. They have expressed their Jewish identity in ways that were foreign to their parents and grandparents. The melodies changed. The services changed. The community structures changed.

And the Jewish people continued to live on. Change is terrifying to many. When time-honored practices are discarded, the end appears to be near. But it is precisely that change that assures the Jewish future. Maybe not *our* Jewish future, but certainly the Jewish future of our descendants.

Compelling evidence demonstrates that young Jews are engaging seriously and enthusiastically with their Jewish identity and with Jewish learning. However, they are not engaging with the synagogue. They are engaging electronically: articles, podcasts, chat rooms, blogs, texting, Twitter, YouTube—and who knows what the technology will be next month?

Today, our challenge is to help our children create Jewish communal structures that support the needs and expressions of their generation. Institutions have a specific address; they are resistant to change, to being moved in any way. I try to imagine the synagogue not as a building but as a houseboat. The institution needs to preserve its essence, but it needs to be able to move. We need to preserve the core of our millennia-old tradition, but we need to be constantly in motion. Our houseboat is now moving through rapids. It will be the current teenagers,

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## Effective, Mission-Oriented Synagogue Mergers

(Alice Mann and Robert Leventhal).

Merger is not a new strategy for synagogues in the New York metropolitan area, but conversations about mergers have gained new urgency since the economy began to deteriorate rapidly last fall. More and more synagogue leaders feel compelled to consider:

- Could a merger be a good option for us?
- How ready are we as a congregation (and as leaders) to embark on this challenging journey?
- What best practices can we adopt from other settings?

### Defining Success

Whether we are talking about businesses, secular nonprofits, or synagogues, we know that many mergers do not fulfill the hopes and expectations of the constituents that approved them. A 1999 global study of business mergers by KPMG, Unlocking Shareholder Value, found that many corporate mergers fail to enhance shareholder value, even though executives rated the mergers successful. Similarly, our experience suggests that in many church and synagogue mergers, the resultant congregation shakes out to be no larger — and no more vital —

than the larger of the partners going in. To provide some benchmarks for synagogue leaders, we would define a successful synagogue merger in two words: effective and mission-oriented.

Effective synagogue mergers establish a disciplined and transparent process for working through issues. At appropriate moments, leaders bring to the table complete and accurate information about current realities and overall trends in their synagogue's finances, membership, and participation.

As the process proceeds, conflicts are addressed openly and creatively. The resulting merged entity is a healthy and functional organization, and the early sense of "us" and "them" is transformed into a strong, new "we." But effectiveness is only half the equation.

A mission-oriented merger generates a fresh sense of identity and purpose in the resultant congregation — often underscored by a new name, new leadership, a new location, or all three. The old lament of decline, or the "problem story," is replaced by a well-grounded vision: a compelling story about an attainable future, illustrated by new actions

today that provide both a taste of what can be and immediate learning about what it will take to get there. Both the larger vision and the concrete actions address demographic and cultural challenges forthrightly.

Leaders discover new passion and build new competence for outreach to unaffiliated Jews, including adults without school-age children. The new congregation pursues excellence in a few signature programs that clearly embody and enact its core identity and purpose. New program initiatives are nurtured and supported by a revitalized board. And the excitement of the new motivates the most talented and committed leaders from both congregations.

What could help merger partners realize this potential? A KPMG study identified three "hard" keys to success — factors we might logically have predicted. The first is business "fit" and synergy; in other words, it is important to choose a partner with complementary strengths and assets.

The second is integration planning, that is, careful attention to the way separate business structures are reassembled into a new and effective whole.

The third is due diligence: accurate and relevant information available right from the beginning, so that the planning is based on reality. All of these elements are clearly major factors in the success of a synagogue merger.

What might be more surprising is the emphasis KPMG placed on three "soft" keys to success, including management team selection, sensitive handling of cultural issues, and excellent communication with all stakeholders.



As American Jews, we are constantly wringing our hands over numbers. Demographically, the number of affiliated Jews in the country is down. We are getting married and having children later in life, which leads to an overall lower birth rate. More and more young people are not joining synagogues because, while they may be spiritually oriented and identify as Jews, they feel no compunction to express their Judaism in a community.

In St. Louis, the number of children in religious school has plummeted, as has the number of affiliated Conservative Jews. There is enough bad demographic news to get anyone down, but as you may know, our synagogue has experienced an overall growth. Our numbers are up just the slightest bit, giving a ray of hope in the gloom-and-doom of Jewish demographics.

Whenever we hold a program, its success is most easily measured in numbers: how many people came? How many people decided to come to shul today? If there wasn't a huge crowd, then the program was not successful. It is easy to fall into this trap, that numbers equal success — and in many ways numbers do indicate success: the more people, the more resources. But I would argue that numbers are not the only determinant of a community's vibrancy.

At the community tikkun (all-night study session) for Shavuot, the numbers were a little down from last year, when the holiday fell on a weekend. A few people expressed their disappointment that more people hadn't shown up. But the programming was fantastic, and the people there were engaged. We had a record number of congregations participating and clergy teaching, spanning the denominational spectrum. The food was excellent, the program well-organized, and

all who participated received great value not only from the teaching itself but from the synergy of collaboration. The people who were there, the ones who *did* show up, experienced something special. The skies must have opened right over our shul to reveal the beautiful Torah that was being lived and learned under our roof that night. The same goes for our Shabbat Rinah services: people

remark to me now and then that they think more people should come to experience our Friday night musical service. "Why don't we have 500 people every time?" they ask. While I am all for maximum promotion of worthy events, there is something very special about squeezing 100+ people in the chapel and

singing our hearts out together on a Friday night. The sound is incredible from all angles, whether a cappella or with accompaniment, and the bodies and voices filling up a smaller space make the service more intimate, and the same amount of voices singing in the sanctuary would feel a bit cavernous. When we do manage to fill the sanctuary, there is a similar effect. But many of our regular Friday night service-goers comment that while they would welcome a larger crowd, they really like the more intimate feel of the chapel.

Playing the numbers game can get us down easily, but don't forget that we are a thriving synagogue despite an overall downturn in national numbers: our DorWays young member group has a membership of fifty families; our award-winning youth groups received regional awards for the largest increase in membership, our Adult Education program is booming, and even the number of sponsored Kiddushim on Shabbat is up. But when we take a step away from numbers and focus on quality of experience, we see even more vibrancy and cause for celebration: the

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people who are attending a DorWays event, a Kadima or USY event, an Adult Education class, a community tikkun, or a Shabbat Rinah service are receiving tremendous benefit, whether spiritually, intellectually, socially, or in the case of kiddush, gastronomically! In many cases, enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm, which translates into greater numbers. But enthusiasm also breeds a desire to belong, to benefit, to contribute, and to deepen commitment. What if we started measuring our success with a greater emphasis on quality and impact? Instead of asking "how many people came to X or Y program?" ask instead: How *energizing* was the program? How meaningful? What new connections and commitments will come as a result? How has each participating family grown in observance, knowledge and understanding after attending an event or service at the synagogue? And, most importantly, have we effectively communicated how important is to prioritize "doing Jewish" in the midst of all our busy lives? How did we establish or maintain a meaningful connection to Jewish identity or community? From this perspective, the work of the synagogue (or any Jewish institution) is not about the large numbers: it's about changing priorities and infusing Jewish life into each household, one at a time. Asking these questions also changes the nature of *how* we program, and pushes us to envision quality and impact outcomes from the outset.

I wish you all a happy reflective, and relaxing summer.

*Memorial Plaques in the Guller Chapel are available.*

To all my Friends and Shaare Zedek Family,

Thank you for all your good wishes and presence. They are working and I'm getting better every day.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Arleen



Walter Knoll Florist Discount Cards Available in the office or in the gift shop.

**\$10 each**

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# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President

The new officers and Board were installed in May and we are all ready to work to make the next two years successful ones for our Sisterhood. All except for Janice Shenker, our Treasurer, who was in a serious car accident the end of May and will be in the hospital and recuperating for a long time. We have made temporary arrangements to handle her responsibilities regarding the budget, reconciling our accounts and paying bills. But our primary concern is for her complete recovery. Please keep her in your prayers for healing. We will miss her good nature, her hard work, and her budget acumen until she is able to return.

We finished our year with almost a record number of Shabbat kiddushes. Thank you to all the families who celebrated bar and bat mitzvoth and an auf ruf in the past couple of months with a Sisterhood Kiddush, and thank you again to Sue Propper, Cindy Ginsburg, and all the ladies who show up day in and day out, week in and week out, throughout the year, making time from their schedules, to ensure that the food will be prepared and presented to the highest standards. Thank you all.

From the projections for this coming fiscal year, there will be a decrease in the number of bar and bat mitzvoth, and I would like to encourage any one who would like to host a Kiddush for any simcha, to do so. We can even combine anniversaries and birthdays.

I want to tell you just a bit more about the regional conference that Cindy Ginsburg and I attended in Dallas the end of April. I forgot to mention in one of my recent columns that Shaare Zedek again received recognition and a certificate for reaching its assigned goal for the Torah Fund campaign for the JTS. Also, several of us attended Shabbat services at Anshei Torah, one of the local synagogues. They were having a bar mitzvah that day, and they managed to give us a Torah *aliyah* as a group. It was a lot of fun. One session included ideas on combining programs with the Men's Club, Social Action, or the youth groups.

We also learned that most synagogues are still having financial problems with their gift shops, and some Sisterhoods have closed their shops in the past two years. The days were filled with full sessions, Torah study and workshops, and during meals, we had the opportunity to chat with women from many different congregations, to speak to them informally, on an individual basis about the successes and failures in all aspects of Sisterhood.

I know it's summer, and I know that these last two months should be for "relaxing on a chaise lounge", but I can't let you off the hook that easily. Just a few more suggestions from the Mitzvah Yomit (Daily Mitzvah) program of National Women's League: Pick one or several times during the day and say a blessing over one of the world's wonders...a rainbow, a new-flowering tree, hearing good news about someone. Do something special with your family and your children. Summer is a difficult time for the Food Pantry. Try to remember to bring items for the food boxes. Put aside time to study Torah, and keep up with Israel current events to stay informed.



One of the booklets made available at the regional conference suggests that in every monthly column, one should include a tidbit of new information. So, here it is: The "Negev" is the southern part of Israel which includes the desert and canyon region; from Beersheva all the way down to Eilat. It makes up more than half of Israel's total land area. The Negev receives about 2-4 inches of rainfall annually. The climate is hot and dry, and the low humidity makes it ideal for anyone who suffers from allergies. In the summer, the nights are cool. Among the many interesting places to visit are: the Joe Alon Museum of Bedouin Culture at Kibbutz Lahav, the Beduin city of Rahat, the Airforce Museum at Hatzetim, the Nabatean and Byzantine ruins at Avdat, the Hai Bar Nature Reserve, and Timna Park, site of King Solomon's copper mines.

I wish you a pleasant rest of the summer with your family and friends at home, away, and always at Shaare Zedek.

Please remember to keep Janice Shenker in your thoughts and prayers for good health.

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

For the month of July the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items in order to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need

- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Fruit
- Healthy Snacks
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Hearty Soups
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Personal Care Items (shampoo, toothpaste, soap and baby diapers – all sizes)

Items should be brought to your temple or synagogue collection site.

*The need is great so please help in any way you can. Thank you.*

**For further information, please contact Louise Levine, 636-227-1259.**

# Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

Recently SZSL held its final banquet officially bringing an end to the most successful year in at least the past 30 here at Shaare Zedek. I was overwhelmed with gratitude at how this incredible chapter made up of unique personalities, interests, schools and backgrounds managed in two very short years to form a cohesive, fun, and award winning group. SZSL has evolved into a Regional Chapter of Excellence and Chapter of the Year. I was also overwhelmed with gratitude at all those who came and helped celebrate such a wonderful evening, especially Joe and Julie Iken, Alan and Helene Spetner, Rudy and Frances Oppenheim, Harriet Shanas, and the entire Rosenberg clan. The USY program here at Shaare Zedek would not be possible without their support.

Melissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

Shalom Kadima and Noar! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! I am excited to introduce your new Kadima Chair, Corey Rosenberg!

Hi, I am Corey Steven Rosenberg and I am the USY KADIMA/VP for the 2010-2011 year. This fall, I am going to be a sophomore at Ladue High School. I was a part of our wrestling and golf teams, and loved them both. I am also a part of Boy Scouts with Troop 344 and am working hard on getting my Eagle. When I grow up, I hope to be a doctor, specifically a pediatrician. I enjoy going to baseball games to root for the St. Louis Cardinals and hanging out with friends. My favorite athletes are Tiger Woods and Albert Pujols. I am looking forward to this year and hope it is a great one!

Now it's time to recharge! SZSL has members going all over the place, some making the journey to Poland and Israel, many going to various Jewish camps across the Midwest and country, some staying right here in St. Louis. All I am sure are beautifully representing their families, synagogue, and SZSL while having a well deserved break. All will bring back fabulous stories and have many adventures and memories to share and will come back ready to continue the hard work of the previous year and begin the many new projects that will keep the national USY community watching our spectacular group of SZSLers!

### USY SAVE THE DATE

### August 5 USY on Wheels

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!!

Welcome Corey! We have also started welcoming new Kadima and Noar members for the 2010-2011 year!

A special welcome to:

Kadima	Noar
Eva Walker	Ori Miller
Austin Ganzer	Juliet Mahony
	Ethan Bernstein
	Haley Juroviesky

If you are also interested in becoming a Kadima or Noar member, please contact Melissa Berk at [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com)! Noar Memberships are available for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for the cost of \$18, and Kadima Memberships are available for 6th, 7th and 8th for the cost of \$36. Please remember, if you are having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah from August 2010 to July 2011 your Kadima Membership is FREE for the year! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

20-somethings, and 30-somethings who will help us to navigate safely into an as-yet-unknown (and unimaginable) future. Those who choose to remain on that houseboat will carry Jewish tradition into the generations ahead. Ours is a people that has wandered through the wilderness since Abraham and Sarah responded to the original divine call: *Lekh lekha*. That call may arrive digitally, but it is always present. We Jews "always have a bag packed." We are survivors, not because we are rigid enough to resist change, but because we were flexible enough to embrace it. Change makes for creativity and strength.

Our greatest challenge today is that the rate of change in our society is so rapid that it is impossible to predict where we might be in just a few years. The majority of our college students today are preparing for jobs that do not currently exist. But they will succeed in doing those now-unimagined jobs. Thus, they aren't so much learning jobs, but rather learning how to learn. They are learning how to adjust to the world that they and their children will inhabit: *post-Internet*, *post-flat screen televisions*, *post-traditional models of education*. Their children will look back on our world the way we remember rotary dial phones, record players, wristwatches, and board games.

Scary, I suppose. But at the same time, I find it very exciting. It may be disturbing to have to rely on "children" to map the Jewish future. But we Jews are an historical people. And if our history teaches us anything, it assures us that Judaism will survive and grow and flower into something currently unimaginable. Even if we wouldn't recognize it, we can be confident that the Jewish world of the future will be as authentically Jewish as ours. Our task is to pass to our children the Torah that we received from our parents. They will carry our Torah into their world and make it *their* Torah. Thus the Torah that speaks to us today (differently than Torah spoke to our ancestors) will speak to our descendants as well.

*Ken yehi ratzon* – May this be God's will. May this be *our* will.

# Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan



## ECC COMMITS TO A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center is participating in the Sustainable Schoolyards program sponsored by the Litzinger Road Ecology Center and the Missouri Botanical Garden. We are one of fifteen schools in the metropolitan area that includes College School, Clark and Edgar Road elementary schools in Webster Groves, Spode School in Ladue and the Reform Jewish Academy to mention a few.

We are designing and undertaking a cooperative ecological native planting on the grounds of the synagogue/ECC. Through

the Sustainable Schoolyard program our staff will be able to teach a broad range of subject matter while restoring a native habitat.

As participants Linda Kram, our science specialist and I attended a week long workshop that included a visit to the Brentwood Richmond Heights Early Childhood Center, Clark elementary school and several other centers where we experienced program models. While focusing on ecology, native habitats also incorporate subjects such as math, science, language arts, art, music and for our center Judaic studies. Linda

and I both are eager develop ways to incorporate Judaism through ecology study for young children.

Through the community models we experienced we also learned ways to bring ecology and nature inside our center building an appreciation and sensitivity for the environment for our children and their families. We look forward to this ongoing commitment and I will continue to communicate our program's success to you our congregational family.

Marty Schaeffer  
SZECC Director

# Shaare Shalom

Anita Kraus, Education Director



Shalom Everyone!

I hope that you are all enjoying your summer! I cannot wait to get to know everyone.

I have been working at school and learning all kinds of new things. Everyone at BSKI and Shaare Zedek has been so welcoming and helpful. It is such a pleasure to embark on this new wonderful journey with all of this help!

My goal for the year is simple. It is to create a Shaare Shalom Community which consists of a child-centered, loving, and inclusive community. It is also my hope that everyone, student and families, will feel engaged in our community, promoting an enduring relationship with G-d and the Jewish people through worship, Torah study and the performance of Mitzvot. I believe that all children can learn, thrive and gain a love for Judaism in just such an environment.

I am in the midst of meeting with and building an outstanding staff. The Shaare Shalom staff will encourage students to develop their unique Jewish identities through lifelong learning. Together, we will be implementing and perfecting a curriculum that will continue to promote our mission statement: To prepare our students to be confident knowledgeable Conservative Jews by providing an educational experience with a focus on a hands-on approach to Torah, Hebrew, Synagogue, Israel, tradition and community.

I know that with change comes some trepidation. I also know that the BSKI and Shaare Zedek families want an exceptional Jewish education for their children. I trust that everyone will choose to support this endeavor. **If we have not yet received your registration for the upcoming school year, please send in the forms with the**

**registration fees. By acting early, it will ensure a great beginning to the year.**

I am a big believer in communication and very available to talk with you. If you need to get in touch with me over the summer, you can reach me at the office 314-725-6230, the school email [ssrs613@gmail.com](mailto:ssrs613@gmail.com) and my cell 314-608-4147. If you have any questions, comments ideas, or would like to talk about possibly teaching or volunteering, feel free to contact me.

Our Students are Spectacular!  
Anita



Come be a part of our exciting Community Chupah Project! Our vision is to reach out to the entire community, beginning with our DorWays families. Your family can add their signature to our Chupah through original and professionally designed artwork. Purchase your Simcha Square and be a part of the Shaare Zedek nachas!

Yes, I want to be a part of the Community Chupah Project!

### Prices for Simcha Squares

BLANK SQUARE (decorate yourself).....	\$18.00	qty___	total \$ _____
INDIVIDUAL NAMES (chain stitched).....	\$5.00	qty___	total \$ _____
INDIVIDUAL NAMES (computer embroidery).....	\$10.00	qty___	total \$ _____
PICTURE (family or individual).....	\$5.00	qty___	total \$ _____
PICTURE WITH CAPTION.....	\$15.00	qty___	total \$ _____
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### Additional Information

\*If you are ordering a picture on your square you can either:

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\*Please return all order forms and squares to the so we can produce the squares and continue to build our Chupah. All envelopes can be given to Nancy in the synagogue office.

\*Please make checks out to Shaare Zedek Synagogue, with "DorWays" in the memo line.

**Thank you for your participation in the DorWays Community Chupah Project!**

## The Story of Julia Lieberman

What would you do if you were living at a time and in a place where there was barely enough money to live on and where there was no one in a position to help you? Read about what one woman did.

Julia Lieberman was born in Cáceres, a small town in southwest Spain. Cáceres, today is a beautiful medieval town and tourist spot, but, when Julia was growing up, in the 1940s and 50s, it was a depressed community. The Spanish Civil War had ended in 1939, but Spain was still in a state of political turmoil and economic stress. (Julia's parents, Francisca and Fernando Rebollo were poor laborers, and life was a struggle for them. Julia was the second of their three daughters. Her sister, Francisca (named after their mother) came first. Six years later, Julia was born, and then, when Julia was 3, Jacinta completed their family. Their extended family was very small, consisting primarily of her mother's two siblings. Their grandparents had died around the time that Julia entered Primary School.

When Julia was 4 or 5 years old, her father died and that had a major impact on her family. As each child became old enough, she began to earn money to help their mother who found jobs working in hotels and restaurants. They made just enough to "get by."

Julia attended a public school until she was 12 years old and had completed her primary education. She would have received a certificate then, but her family couldn't afford the fee. When Julia was 13, she moved to Madrid where her older sister Francisca had already moved. Shortly after, her mother and younger sister also joined them in Madrid, but after about a year, her mother and Jacinta, moved back to Cáceres. Francisca and Julia stayed in Madrid. Francisca got married and Julia continued living with her and her husband. Julia always seemed to be able to find work, going from one job to another, each time improving her situation.

Since Spain was a Catholic country, it's no surprise that Julia's family was Catholic and observed Church rituals and customs. She was baptized and celebrated her First Communion. However, her mother (and therefore the family) was not religious, and Catholicism was not an important part of Julia's life.

During her teenage years, Julia longed to go back to school and resume her studies. It was her "dream to attend a 'nun' school where wealthy children went." As a result, when she was about 19 years old, Julia worked during the daytime and began to go to school at night. She had learned how to type and worked at an academy that trained pilots and taught foreign languages. (Julia was not interested in flying, but she wanted to study English!) She even continued to take the classes after she lost her job.

Soon afterwards, Julia began to travel. She went first to England and got a housekeeping job at Cambridge University where she cleaned rooms during the day and took English classes at night. When her visa expired, she went back to Spain and applied for a visa to go to France, where she studied French while working as an au pair in Paris and then again in Cannes. In 1970, after returning to Spain, she made arrangements to go to the United States and work as an au pair for a Jewish family (for what turned out to be a wonderful year) in New Haven, CT. (Julia still keeps in touch with members of that family to this day.) She arrived in New Haven on a Monday, and on Wednesday, she was taking her first English-As-Second-Language (ESL) course. Soon she was enrolled in an English literature class, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Within a year, Julia had fallen in love with a Jewish student named Isaac Lieberman (who eventually became a civil engineer), and she



decided to extend her visa and stay in the United States. In 1972, just after completing her au pair year, Julia and Isaac were married, and Julia went through conversion by an Orthodox rabbi. The next year, while working in a retail store, Julia enrolled in South Central Community College, and got an Associate Degree in Human Services. Soon after graduating, in August 1974, their first son, Dan, was born.

Meanwhile, she was meeting people from Yale University and before long was hired by various professors (initially because of her knowledge of the Spanish language) to do office work and type their papers and articles. First she worked for an anthropologist, whose work she found very interesting. (She enjoyed reading the content as she typed.) Her next job was for a geographer. Eventually Julia became a full-time secretary in Yale's Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and she continued her pattern of working full-time and taking courses at night.

In November 1977 Amos, her second son, was born. By this time she had full benefits in her job, including health insurance, and she was able to take a two-month leave when Amos was born. Also, her mother came from Spain to help her and stayed for about 9 months. Life was not easy for Julia who was a full-time employee, a student and a homemaker with two young children. In 1978 Julia earned a bachelor's degree with a major in Sociology and a minor in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State College.

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In addition to everything else, in 1980 Julia, Isaac and their two sons visited Isaac's parents in Israel; and, upon their return to the States, they began thinking about making *Aliyah*. Julia really loved the country, but the thought of moving there was a different story. Life in Israel would be so different from life in America that Julia couldn't bring herself to make the change.

Instead, Julia decided to make a career change. She began to teach Spanish in public schools, which she really enjoyed. Her second teaching position was at Westover, a private boarding preparatory school for girls in Middlebury, CT, a small town outside of New Haven. Julia, Isaac and their two sons moved to Middlebury, and Isaac commuted daily to his civil engineering job in New Haven. At the same time, Julia started working on a Master's degree in Bilingual Education at Southern Connecticut State College (a degree which she was awarded in 1981). After one year at Westover, Julia accepted a better job offer from Choate-Rosemary Hall School, a prestigious co-ed private boarding school in Wallingford, CT. This job required the family to move to Wallingford. (Isaac was again very willing to relocate to accommodate her new position even though it meant his having to commute daily to New Haven.) At Choate, in addition to Julia's teaching position, she and Isaac were advisors to Jewish students, providing them with Jewish life experiences during their pre-college years.

Julia mentioned that twice, during summers, she took a group of Choate students to northern Spain, and her husband and two sons accompanied her. While there, her young children improved their Spanish. That wasn't their only exposure. Julia had taught the children to read Spanish as soon as they were old enough to learn. They both studied Spanish in more depth in Spain in their teenage years. To balance their heritage, they also went to Israel summer camps where they learned Hebrew.

After teaching at Choate for 3 years, Julia and her family moved back to New Haven because Julia realized that at this point she'd like to teach college students, and she wanted to go to Yale to get a Ph.D degree in Spanish and Latin American literature. While working on her degree at Yale, she was given a teaching assistantship, which helped financially. After one year, she and Isaac, realizing that they had grown apart, decided to get divorced. Julia got custody of their two sons, but Isaac continued to be a caring father and shared parental responsibilities with Julia.

After receiving her Ph.D., Julia accepted a teaching position at a college called Wittenberg University in the town of Springfield, Ohio, where she moved with her two sons who were now 15 and 12 years old, respectively. During her years in Springfield, Julia's older son Dan was accepted at Yale University and graduated in 1995, with majors in Biology and International Studies. Still later, Dan earned an MBA, a Masters of Business Administration degree from Harvard University.

After living in Springfield for 5 years, Julia began looking for a teaching position in a bigger city and found just what she was looking for at St. Louis University in St. Louis, where she would be able to teach Spanish and conduct research on Sephardic Jews of the Iberian Peninsula. Therefore, she and her younger son Amos moved here in 1995. At first they rented a townhouse in Clayton. Amos graduated from Clayton High School in 1996 and then from Washington University in 2000, with a double major in Economy and Spanish and a minor in Computer Science. Later, Julia bought a home on Chamberlain Avenue in University City.

While teaching at St. Louis University, Julia began to study the Hebrew language. She took Hebrew classes offered by the Central Agency of Jewish Education and studied with Chani Pinsberg. In addition, Julia went to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York one summer for an intensive Ulpan Hebrew class.

Earlier in her life, Julia's dream was to study in Spain as other teenagers did. At this point, her dream was to learn Torah and all

aspects of the Jewish Shabbat service. She joined first the Reconstructionist *Minyan* in St. Louis, and then, another group called The Central West End *Minyan*, which conducted traditional services (without a rabbi) once a month in a room that they rented from Central Reform Congregation.

In 2006, Julia became a member of Shaare Zedek. She attends Shabbat services regularly and is a member of the choir, but right now, Julia does not have time to get more involved in the synagogue because of her teaching. However, she looks forward to the time when she will be able to take a more active role.

Because of her desire to chant *Haftorah*, Julia met with Hazzan Dulkan a number of times in the summer of 2009, and then practiced and learned the trope from CD's so that on January 2 of this year, she was actually able to chant *Haftorah* in Synagogue for the first time. On May 22 she chanted her second *Haftorah* and is already thinking about doing a third one in a few months.

Today, her son, Dan and his wife, Catherine both work for an HMO in San Francisco. They have a one-year-old son named Asher. Her son, Amos, is a graduate student at the University of Illinois - Carbondale, working on a Ph.D. in Spanish.

Julia is a full professor at St. Louis University and teaches classes about: (1) 16th and 17th century Spain; (2) the Jews of Spain and Portugal; and (3) contemporary Jewish Culture in Israel. Her research is about Sephardic Family life in 17th Century.

When asked what she is most proud of, Julia replied: "her sons; her personal accomplishments; and being Jewish." Julia Lieberman is a woman who started out life with virtually nothing but a passion for studying and learning. During her whole life, she established a pattern of working so that she could live and go to school. Hers is a story of a person who had to find her own way, who set goals for herself and found ways to achieve those goals. Much of the time, there was no one to help her. Julia Lieberman has already accomplished a great deal, but she is not finished. She is still setting goals and still working toward achieving them.

# Adult Education

Sydney Farber

Join us for the many opportunities that Adult Education (for July-August-September) has to offer you this summer:

## Sundays

☆ Ivrit with Dorit - beginners Hebrew 9:30 - 10:30 downstairs

☆ Refresher Haftarah class with Joyce Olshan If you already know trope but need a refresher in order to do a haftarah, this is the place to be.... It started mid-June and continues through the summer, as needed. Meeting in the library, 9:30 - 10:30. Bring your enthusiasm.

## Mondays

☆ Other than the month of July (when Rabbi Fasman is in Israel), Sisterhood continues to study on a variety of topics. This class, tho' mostly attended by women, is for men, too. It meets in the Community Room from 9:45 - 11:15.

## Tuesdays

☆ Herb Fredman continues his Bible studies from 8:00 - 9:00 (right after morning minyan and during breakfast), so feel free to join whether you already attend or wish to start. They meet in the Community Room.

## Wednesdays

☆ Beginner Trope classes started mid-June with Howard Belsky teaching this class. Feel free to join them in the Community Room directly after minyan - it is suggested that you attend minyan so that you can enter through the Amherst door (which is locked at 6:30 p.m.). Class is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Some new and upcoming classes/activities include: **(1) How to keep a kosher home: Kashrut 101**, which includes in its last class learning to bake challah. **(2) A learner's Shabbat** will start up after the High Holidays simultaneously while the regular Shabbat service is going on in the Sanctuary. **(3) Pizmon** will be back the last weekend in October, so you won't want to miss your opportunity to see them again or even for the first time. **(4) Rabbi Dulkan's Shabbat class** will return in October, after the High Holidays. **(5) If you've ever wanted to learn to knit or**

**crochet**, this is for you - knit and/or crochet while socializing, creating something new, and giving tzedekah in the form of a blanket, neck scarf, or cap to some worthy cause (more details to come). And there will be more opportunities to learn in the coming months. If you have any suggestions or programs that you'd like to see implemented here at Shaare Zedek, feel free to drop me a line ([Kitty1106@aol.com](mailto:Kitty1106@aol.com)) and put **suggestion** or a keyword so I'll know who you are.

And here's some information about Av (correlates to July-August) and Elul (August-September). Most of the information was taken from Wikipedia. : )

**Av** (Hebrew: אָב) is the fifth month on the Hebrew calendar. The name is Babylonian in origin and appeared in the Talmud around the 3rd century. This is the only month which is not named in the Bible. It is a summer month of 30 days and usually occurs in July–August on the Gregorian calendar.

*The Babylonian Talmud*, Taanit 29a, states that "when we enter [the month of] Av, our joy is diminished". This is because the darkest events in Jewish history occurred during the first week and a half of this month, particularly *The Nine Days* which culminate in *Tisha B'Av*, the 9th of Av. However, there is a minor and largely unknown holiday during the full moon of the month called *Tu B'Av* which was, in ancient times, one of the happiest days of the year.

**The Nine Days** are the first nine days of the Jewish month of Av. During this time, a strict level of mourning is observed, in accordance with the Talmudic dictum (Ta'anit 26): "When the month of Av begins, we reduce our joy." They are days of intense mourning culminating in *Tisha B'Av* which commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temple of Jerusalem.

The last Saturday preceding the 9th of Av is called the **Shabbat of the Vision Shabbat Chazon** named after the reading of the Haftarah that is read on this day.

During **The Nine Days**, Jewish law (Halakha) forbids various activities, including drinking wine, eating meat, pleasure-bathing, and wearing freshly laundered clothes. These prohibitions are in addition to those already adhered to during **The Three Weeks**, which take place concurrent to The Nine Days. Those restrictions include listening to music, getting a haircut or shaving, participating in weddings. Many kosher meat restaurants alter their menus during The Nine Days, replacing meat and chicken dishes with fish and vegetarian options in order to remain open while the meat prohibition is in place.

The month is also sometimes referred to as **Menachem Av** (Hebrew: אָב מְנַחֵם) (**Av of Comfort**), but most only use this title in the sanctification of the month recited on the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh and following *Tisha B'Av*.

**Elul** (Hebrew: אֱלוּל) is the sixth month on the Hebrew calendar. It is a summer month of 29 days and usually occurs in August-September on the Gregorian calendar. The name of the month, like the names of the rest of the Hebrew calendar months, was brought from the Babylonian Exile, and has originated from the Akkadian word for "Harvest." A similar month name was also used in Akkadian, in the form *elūlu*.

In the Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The word "Elul" is similar to the root of the verb "search" in Aramic. The Talmud writes that the Hebrew word "Elul" can be expanded as an acronym for "Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li" - "I am to my Beloved and my Beloved is to me." Elul is seen as a time to search one's heart and draw close to God in preparation for the coming Day of Judgement, Rosh Hashanah and Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

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During the month of Elul, there are a number of special rituals leading up to the High Holy Days. It is customary to blow the shofar every morning (except on Shabbat) from Rosh Hodesh Elul (the first day of the month) until the day before Rosh Hashanah. The blasts are meant to awaken one's spirits and inspire him to begin the soul searching which will prepare him for the High Holy Days. As part of this preparation, Elul is the time to begin the sometimes-difficult process of granting and asking for forgiveness. It is also customary to recite Psalm 27 every day from Rosh Hodesh Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah on Sukkot (in Tishrei).

Aside from the blowing of the shofar, the other major ritual practice during Elul is to recite selichot (special penitential prayers) either every morning before sunrise during the week before the last Wednesday before Rosh Hashanah (Ashkenazii tradition) or every morning during the entire month of Elul (Sephardi tradition). Ashkenazi Jews

begin the recitation of selichot with a special service between solar mid-night (not 12:00) and morning light on the first day of Selichot. Many Jews also visit the graves of loved ones throughout the month in order to remember and honor those people in our past who inspire us to live more fully in the future.

Another social custom is to begin or end all letters written during the month of Elul with wishes that the recipient have a good year.

The standard blessing is "K'tiva V'Hatima Tovah" ("a good writing and sealing [of judgement]"), meaning that the person should be written and sealed in the *Book of Life* for a good year. Tradition teaches that on Rosh Hashanah, each person is written down for a good or a poor year, based on their actions in the previous one, and their sincere efforts at atoning for mistakes or harm. On Yom Kippur that fate is "sealed."

As we prepare for the High Holidays (in September), I leave you with these familiar words: Shana Tovah (Have a good year) or Shana Tovah u'Metukah (Have a good and sweet year)."

Cya in September,

Sydney

To all of our friends and relatives - thank you for your condolences and well wishes.

Sincerely,

*Stan & Ruth Levy and  
Golda & Gerard Burke*

## Do you want SISTERHOOD to do the work?

Please keep us in mind when you celebrate a Simcha... a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an auf ruf, an anniversary, a birthday, a new baby, or any other occasion you want to celebrate with a **SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH**.

You can also join with another person or group and co-sponsor. We do the work, you'll enjoy a delicious Shabbat Kiddush, and the synagogue will benefit from our fund-raising.



Call the office for information.  
We'll be glad you did.  
Thank you.

## DorWays: Families & Young Members

Melissa Berk, Program Coordinator

**DorWays is Shaare Zedek's group for young members and their families. Dor in Hebrew means generation and it is our hope that DorWays serves as an entryway for young members and their families into synagogue life at Shaare Zedek! We currently have forty member families, and many prospective families participating in our programs and enriching their lives and the lives around them.**

Summer is in full swing and so is the DorWays Community Chuppah Project!

Back in May, fourteen young families gathered together in the Mirowitz Auditorium to play, schmooze, nosh, and launch the Community Chuppah Project! A special thank

you to Cynthia Vickar for all of her creativity and hard work, painting the children's hands and feet that decorated the backing fabric for our chuppah! At the end of the morning, each participating family either went home with a square to decorate with fabric pens/paint, or decided to have it professionally decorated with a family photograph and/or family name. A tremendous thank you to Alan Spetner for his wonderful idea of creating a "chuppah" to be used on the Bimah for all of our community's simchas including: baby namings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Auf Rufs and anniversaries. What a wonderful way for each family to put their signature on this beautiful piece of ritual art.

We are now excited to announce the extension of our project to the entire Shaare Zedek Community. Please see the adjacent order sheet and/or contact Melissa Berk at [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com) to be a part of the project!

We are also thrilled to welcome our newest DorWays members Natalia Michelle Nason, and Bianca Helena Mano! Mazal Tov to Robert and Diane Nason, and Erin Mahony and Ran Mano on the birth of their children!

Wishing everyone a wonderful rest of the summer!



**Thursday, July 1**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, July 2**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
8:12pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, July 3**  
Parashat Pinchas  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:13pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, July 4**  
Independence Day  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

**Monday, July 5**  
Offices Closed  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, July 6**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, July 7**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, July 8**  
Regular Minyanim  
7:00pm Exec Board

**Friday, July 9**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
8:10pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, July 10**  
Parashat Matot-Masei  
Keyser Fund Kiddish  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:12pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, July 11**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Men's Club Meeting  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher  
11:40am Softball SZ vs Traditional

**Monday, July 12**  
Rosh Chodesh Av  
6:45am Shacharit  
6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Tuesday, July 13**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, July 14**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, July 15**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, July 16**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
8:07pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, July 17**  
Parashat Devarim  
Shabbat Hazon  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:35pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:09pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, July 18**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher  
1:00pm Softball SZ vs Bais Abe

**Monday, July 19**  
7:00am Shacharit  
Erev Tisha B'Av  
Fast begins @ Sundown  
7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/Eicha Reading

**Tuesday, July 20**  
Tisha B'Av  
6:45am Shacharit  
1:45pm Mincha Tallit/Tafillin  
8:00pm Ma'ariv

**Wednesday, July 21**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, July 22**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, July 23**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
8:03pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, July 24**  
Parashat Vaetchanan  
Shabbat Nachamu  
Berger Kiddish  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
9:04pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, July 25**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher  
10:00am Softball SZ vs Bnai El  
1:00pm Merger Task Force Meeting @SZ

**Monday, July 26**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, July 27**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, July 28**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, July 29**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, July 30**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
7:57pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, July 31**  
Parashat Eikev  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
8:58pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, August 1**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

**Monday, August 2**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, August 3**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, August 4**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, August 5**  
USY On Wheels  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, August 6**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
7:49pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, August 7**  
Parashat Re'eh  
Levy Birthday  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:20pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
8:49pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, August 8**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Men's Club Meeting  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

**Monday, August 9**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, August 10**  
Rosh Chodesh Elul  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, August 11**  
Rosh Chodesh Elul  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, August 12**  
Regular Minyanim  
7:00pm Exec Board

**Friday, August 13**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
7:41pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, August 14**  
Parashat Shoftim  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:15pm Minch/Ma'ariv  
8:41pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, August 15**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

Minyan times are  
7am & 6pm  
weekdays, 8am &  
6pm Sundays, unless  
otherwise noted.

**Monday, August 16**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, August 17**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, August 18**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, August 19**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, August 20**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service w/ Band  
7:32pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, August 21**  
Parashat Ki Teitzei  
B/M: Edan Golfarb  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
8:32pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, August 22**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

**Monday, August 23**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, August 24**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, August 25**  
Regular Minyanim  
6:30pm Haftarah Trope Class Beginners

**Thursday, August 26**  
Regular Minyanim

**Friday, August 27**  
7:00am Shacharit  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service  
7:22pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, August 28**  
Parashat Ki Tavo  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
6:50pm Mincha/Ma'ariv  
8:22pm Shabbat ends

**Sunday, August 29**  
Regular Minyanim  
9:30am Haftarah Trope Class Refresher

**Monday, August 30**  
Regular Minyanim

**Tuesday, August 31**  
Regular Minyanim  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

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## Fall 2010-2011

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Grades 8 - 12

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1<sup>st</sup> Trimester begins  
Sept. 2 at B'nai Amoona

**KICKOFF EVENT**  
Sunday, August 22, 2-4 pm

Join the fun (bowling,  
refreshments, register  
for classes) OliveTte Lanes

JOLT begins at 6:30  
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CONTACT: Maxine Weil, Director 314.442.3757 [mweil@cajestl.org](mailto:mweil@cajestl.org) Details at: [www.cajestl.org](http://www.cajestl.org)

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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wetmore – Derek & Naomi's Marriage  
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Sara Wolf  
Micki Kingsley  
Rose Marie Norber  
Ruth Jacob  
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Ruth Jacob  
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# Condolences

**Grace Shenberg** passed away on May 23rd.  
Sister of Stan (Ruth) Levy and aunt of Golda (Gerard) Burke.

**Raphael Klein** passed away on June 6th.  
Brother of Thomas (Lisa) Klein.

## PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

We have daily minyanim, 7am & 6pm,  
8am on Sundays, 9am on Saturdays.

Choose a time that is convenient for you.  
Become a regular. You will appreciate it.  
We will appreciate it.

Those saying Kaddish for a loved one  
will appreciate it even more!



## David Iken Memorial Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Susan Fleminger's grandson,  
Yehudah Gabriel Fleminger  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim  
Leo & Sara Wolf's grandson Cameron's  
Bar Mitzvah  
Sid & Sylvia Rosen  
Martin & Barbara Becker  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim  
Leo & Sara Wolf's continued good health  
Sid & Sylvia Rosen  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim's simchas  
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Please contact **Frances Oppenheim**  
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SYNAGOGUE

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Do we have your current email address?

Does more than one person in your family want to receive the newsletter e-link?  
(multiple emails per household)

Let us know at [execdir@shaarezedek.org](mailto:execdir@shaarezedek.org)

Their are many ways to recognize or give tribute to a friend or loved one.

- Ashreinu Leaves
- Chapel Memorial Plaques
- Book Fund
- Torah Fund
- Our Yizkor Books

Go to [shaarezedek.org](http://shaarezedek.org) and click on the link "Donations"

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Are you interested in a  
family-friendly tour of Israel  
during the summer of 2011?

We are in the very early planning stages and could use your interest and help to plan an engaging, educational and fun trip for all generations.

If you would be interested, please contact  
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Hazzan Dulkan at [Hazzan@shaarezedek.org](mailto:Hazzan@shaarezedek.org)

